Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Eleanor Bennett was born on October 19, 1907, to William "Rueben" and Luella Bennett at Arlington, South Dakota, the second of four daughters; and,

Whereas, In 1927, Eleanor graduated from Arlington High School with fond memories of taking the horse and buggy to school with her sisters. She received her teaching certificate, pursued her dream, and taught at various country schools for 9 years near Arlington, Volga, Elkton, and Aurora; and,

Whereas, Eleanor grew up during the Depression on a farm and learned to help with the chores, deal with the dust storms, and managed to stretch 96 cents to buy sugar, coffee, matches, and soap; and,

Whereas, Eleanor met her future husband while boarding at his parents' home and teaching at the Bruening School northwest of Elkton, South Dakota. Eleanor married Albert Bruening on June 11, 1936, in Redfield, South Dakota, and were blessed with one stepson, Leland, three sons, Curtis, Gordon, and Arnold, and one daughter, Barbara, who in turn presented them with six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Eleanor has been active in many community organizations and church activities and is currently a member of the Capital Heights Baptist Church, American Legion Auxiliary, and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program; and,

Whereas, Eleanor will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 19, 2007, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State